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SUBJECT: VISIT OF POLISH PREMIER TO MOSCOW

1. POLISH PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ PAID RAPID VISIT TO SOVIET UNION, ARRIVING JANUARY 30 AND DEPARTING JANUARY 31. DURING VISIT HE HELD DISCUSSIONS FIRST WITH KOSYGIN AND THEN WITH BOTH KOSYGIN AND BREZHNEV. BOTH SESSIONS, ACCORDING TO CENTRAL PRESS, PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO QUESTIONS OF SOVIET-POLISH COOPERATION, ON BOTH A BILATERAL BASIS AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CEMA). REPORT OF EARLIER KOSYGIN-JAROSZEWICZ MEETING STATES THAT IN REVIEWING QUESTIONS OF FURTHER BROADENING AND INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOVIET-
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POLISH COOPERATION, SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS PAID TO AUGUST 1977 AGREEMENT BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND GIEREK TO WORK OUT LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION. TWO PARTIES ALSO REPORTED AS HAVING DISCUSSED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO WORK ON CEMA LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAMS.

2. OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF DISCUSSANTS ON TWO SIDES SUGGEST

THAT TALKS WERE PRIMARILY, IF NOT WHOLLY, ECONOMIC IN NATURE. SOVIET PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN BAYBAKOV, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS KATUSHEV (CEMA AFFAIRS), MARTYNOV (CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE FOR MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPLY), NOVIKOV (FOREIGN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS), MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV, CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SKACHKOV. POLISH PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS JAGIELSKI AND WRZASZCZYK, K. OLSZEWSKI (DESCRIBED AS CHAIRMAN OF POLISH SIDE OF INTERGOVERNMENT SOVIET-POLISH COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION), DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF POLISH PLANNING COMMISSION KRINKEVICZ AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE GBYZADA.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WESTERN DIPLOMATS HERE SEEM AGREED THAT ECONOMICS WAS TOPIC DISCUSSED, NO ONE TO WHOM WE HAVE TALKED HAS YET HAD A LINE ON SPECIFIC TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION, RAPIDITY OF VISIT AND FACT THAT NO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT VISIT WAS ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN COORDINATION OF SOVIET AND POLISH PLANS.
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